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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A' -- The invention is not intended to be limited to the video coding protocols discussed above: these are intended to be merely exemplary. The invention is applicable to any video coding protocol in which a choice of error concealment methods is available. The addition of the information as discussed above allows a receiving decoder to determine which would be the best type of error concealment method to use. --